



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 910***

LCO No. 3212



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-128b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) Each employer shall, [within a reasonable time] not more than  
4 three business days after receipt of a written request from an  
5 employee, permit such employee to inspect, and if requested, copy his  
6 or her personnel file if such a file exists. Such inspection shall take  
7 place during regular business hours at a location at or reasonably near  
8 the employee's place of employment. Each employer who has  
9 personnel files shall be required to keep any personnel file pertaining  
10 to a particular employee for at least one year after the termination of  
11 such employee's employment.

12 (b) Each employer shall, not more than ten business days after  
13 receipt of a written request from a former employee, permit such  
14 former employee to inspect, and if requested, copy his or her

15 personnel file if such a file exists, provided the employer receives such  
16 written request not later than one year after the termination of such  
17 former employee's employment with the employer. Such inspection  
18 shall take place during regular business hours at a location at or  
19 reasonably near the former employee's former place of employment  
20 with the employer.

21 (c) Each employer shall provide an employee with a copy of any  
22 documentation of any disciplinary action imposed on that employee  
23 not more than one business day after the date of imposing such action.  
24 Each employer shall immediately provide an employee with a copy of  
25 any documented notice of that employee's termination of employment.

26 Sec. 2. Section 31-128e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

28 (a) If upon inspection of his or her personnel file or medical records  
29 an employee disagrees with any of the information contained in such  
30 file or records, removal or correction of such information may be  
31 agreed upon by such employee and his or her employer. If such  
32 employee and employer cannot agree upon such removal or correction  
33 then such employee may submit a written statement explaining his or  
34 her position. Such statement shall be maintained as part of such  
35 employee's personnel file or medical records and shall accompany any  
36 transmittal or disclosure from such file or records made to a third  
37 party.

38 (b) Each employer shall include a statement in clear and  
39 conspicuous language in any documented disciplinary action, notice of  
40 termination of such employee's employment or performance  
41 evaluation that the employee may, should the employee disagree with  
42 any of the information contained in such statement, submit a written  
43 statement explaining his or her position. Such employee statement  
44 shall be maintained as part of such employee's personnel file and shall  
45 accompany any transmittal or disclosure from such file or records

46 made to a third party.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	31-128b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	31-128e

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide an employee or former employee the right to copy his or her personnel files and require employers to provide copies of any documented discipline notices and copies of statements notifying an employee of the employee's rights to dispute certain documents in his or her personnel file.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*